

REMARKS

The application has been amended and is believed to be in condition for allowance.

The indication that claims 1-3 and 5 would be allowed if claims 1 and 2 were amended to overcome the rejections under 35 USC 112, first paragraph is acknowledged with thanks.

Amendments to the Disclosure

The substitute specification of September 4, 2007 is amended to more closely correspond to the original Japanese-language specification of the International Stage PCT/JP03/14217. Particularly, the amendment amends the paragraph of the substitute specification at page 5, lines 11-23 to more correctly disambiguate that paragraph at page 4, lines 18-34 of the original English-language translation of the specification filed May 6, 2005.

The amendment to the specification is further detailed below.

Applicants respectfully submit that the foregoing amendment to the substitute specification is accurate and consistent with the original Japanese-language specification filed with the International Stage of the present application. Accordingly, the amendment to the specification is believed to introduce no new matter.

Claims 1 and 2 are amended to recite the components of the anion and the components of the cation in a manner consistent

with the original Japanese-language specification filed with the International Stage of the present application, and further consideration of U.S. practice and readability.

Applicants respectfully submit that the amendments to claims 1 and 2 find support in the specification and drawings as originally filed in the application, and is further supported in the English-language specification amended as above. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that the amendments to claims 1 and 2 is believed to introduce no new matter.

Applicants further submit that the foregoing amendments to the specification and the claims removes formal issues for appeal and is believed to require only a cursory review. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that for all the foregoing reasons, the amendments to the specification and the claims as presented above are proper.

Entry of the amendments to the specification and the claims are thereby respectfully solicited.

Formal Matters - Section 112, first paragraph

The Official Action rejected claims 1-3 and 5 under 35 USC 112, first paragraph, stating that the claims are not in compliance with the written description requirement. The Official Action states that the recited limitation, "ammonium, amine, quaternized ammonium, and quaternized amidinium as cationic components used as salt" is not supported in paragraphs [0017]-[0018].

In response, Applicants have reviewed the application and particularly the original English-language translation of the specification filed May 6, 2005 and the substitute specification filed September 4, 2007, both in light of the original Japanese-language specification filed with International Application PCT/JP03/14217 to which the present application is the U.S. National Stage.

The relevant passage of the original English-language specification disclosed, in relevant part:

As the aluminum tetrafluoride salt constituting the aluminum tetrafluoride as anion component, examples of this salt include an ammonium salt, an amine salt, a quaternary ammonium salt, or a quaternary cyclic amidinium ion as cation component, can be used.
(page 4, lines 18-21)

The substitute specification of September 4, 2007, at page 5, lines 11-23, incorrectly disambiguates this passage.

Applicants respectfully submit that the proper disambiguation of the above passage is as follows:

The aluminum tetrafluoride salt comprises an anion component and a cation component, wherein the anion component constitutes aluminum tetrafluoride, and examples of the cation component include an ammonium salt, an amine salt, a quaternary ammonium salt, and a quaternary cyclic amidinium ion.

Applicants respectfully submit that the foregoing description, provided with the amendment to the present specification as indicated above, is consistent with the original Japanese-language specification of the International Stage of the

instant application, and therefore is not believed to introduce new matter.

Applicants further respectfully submit that claims 1 and 2, as amended, find support in the foregoing description.

It is therefore respectfully submitted that, at least for finding support in the specification as amended consistent with the original Japanese-language specification of the International Stage to this application, claims 1 and 2 are in compliance with the written description requirement of 35 USC 112, first paragraph.

Withdrawal of the rejection under 35 USC 112, first paragraph is thereby respectfully requested.

From the foregoing, it will be apparent that Applicants have fully responded to the December 10, 2009 Official Action and that the claims as presented are patentable. In view of this, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the claims, as presented, and their early passage to issue.

In order to expedite the prosecution of this case, the Examiner is invited to telephone the attorney for Applicants at the number provided below if the Examiner is of the opinion that further discussion of this case would be helpful in advancing prosecution.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 25-0120 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17.

Respectfully submitted,

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